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DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-10 are allowed.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: the prior art of record either taken singularly or in combination fails to disclose a heat sink arrangement comprising a support means with alignment means for engaging the equipment module and a pivotable heat sink, the heat sink being pivoted by the action of inserting the equipment module into the support means such that a surface of the heat sink is brought into contact with a surface of the equipment module. Since claim 1 use means plus function format "alignment means for engaging...", it give rise to the interpretation under 35 USC 112, par. 6 in light of and consistent with the written description of the invention in the application, in which the alignment means for is element 132 (figure 1), which described as tabs that bent downwardly (page 5, lines 2-4). Furthermore, the prior art of record does not show that the heat sink being pivoted by the action of inserting the equipment module into the support means such that a surface of the heat sink is brought into contact with a surface of the equipment module. References to Hamano and Yan disclose pivotable heat sink, which rotates to accept the equipment module but fail to show that the heat sinks being pivoted by the action of inserting the equipment module while a surface of the heat sink is brought into contact with a surface of the equipment module.

Conclusion

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